

## **Candles and Incense as Potential Sources of Indoor Air Pollution**

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### **Environmental Issue:**

Burning incense and lead-wick candles indoors may pose a significant risk to human health.

### **Scientific Approach:**

- market survey
- literature review
- emissions testing
- exposure modeling

### **Illustrative Details:**

Lead-wick candles are still on the market.

Burning such candles can cause indoor lead concentrations to exceed ambient air-quality standards and also occupational standards.

The amount of fine PM produced from one piece of incense is equivalent to that from smoking 1 to 10 cigarettes.

### **Impact:**

Supported the action taken by CPSC to ban lead-wick candles in U.S. market.

Raised public awareness of the potential risks associated with these products.

Increased awareness of the significance of indoor exposure to risk assessment.